

# THIRTEENTH REPORT

OF THE

## BOARD OF MANAGERS

OF THE

# Halifax Institution for the Blind,

TOGETHER WITH THE

## ACT OF INCORPORATION,

AND

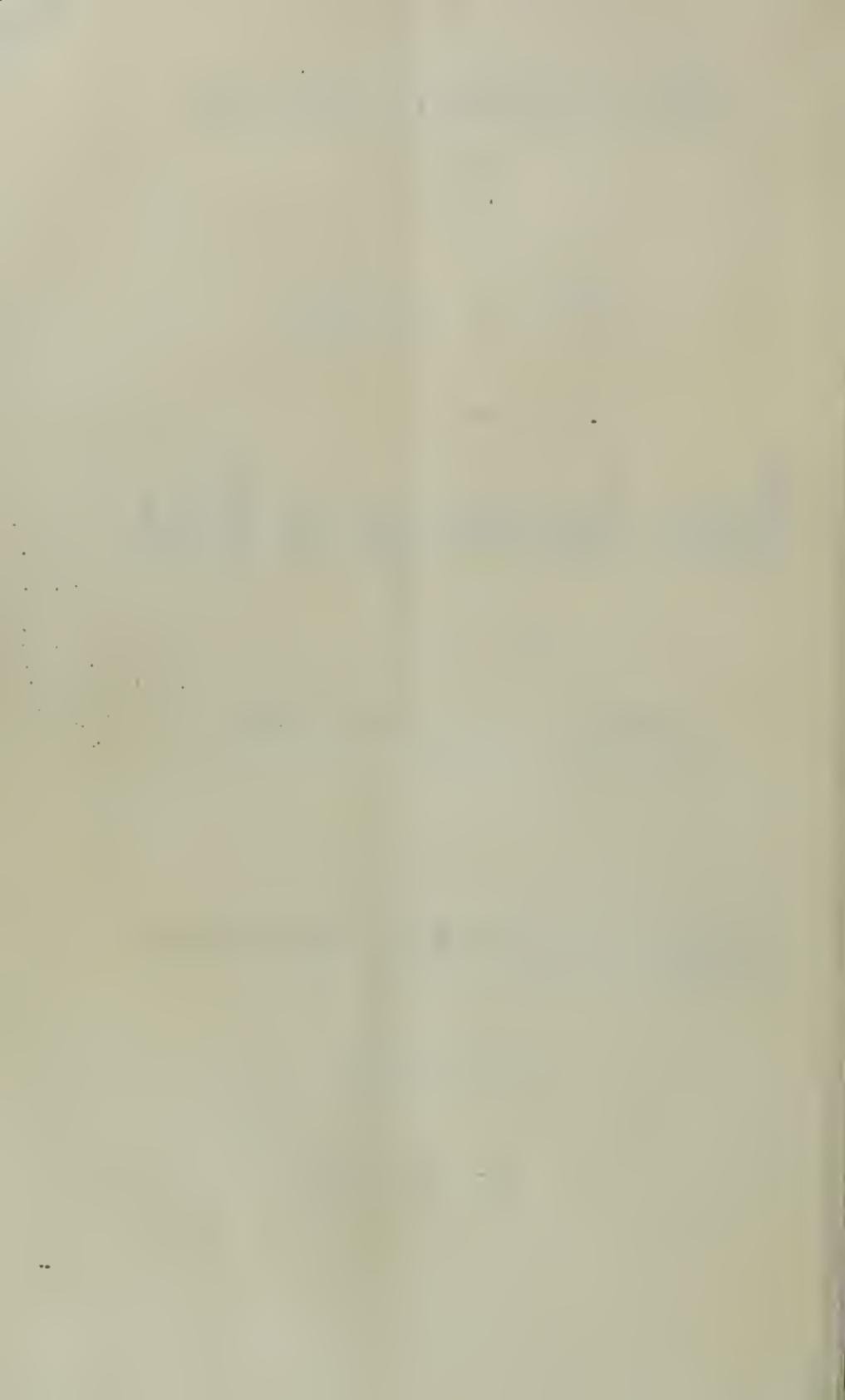
## CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS.

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# *Halifax Institution for the Blind,*

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## MANAGERS AND OFFICERS OF THE INSTITUTION.

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### MANAGERS FOR 1884.

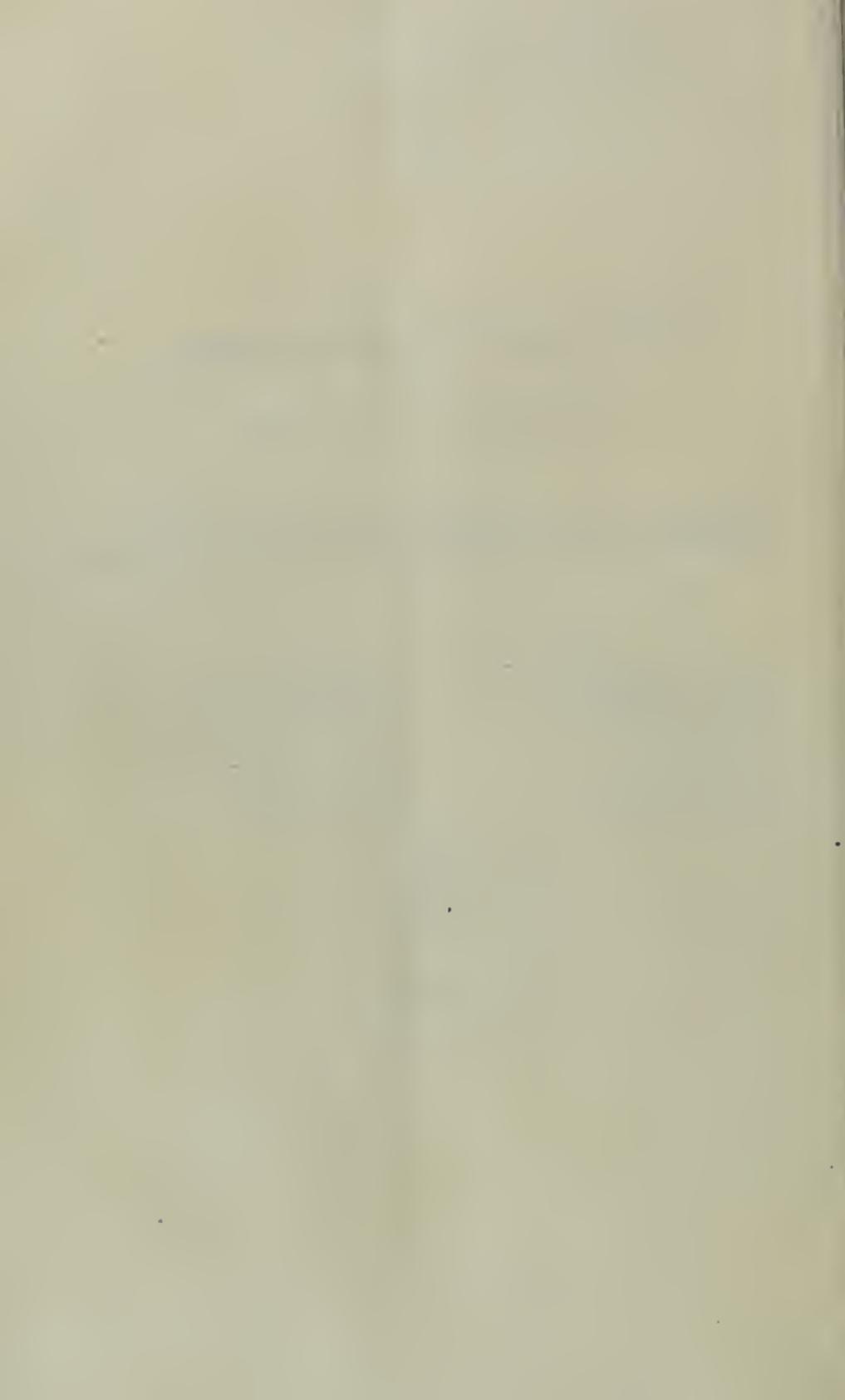
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### Superintendent.

C. F. FRASER.

### Teachers.

LITERATURE—MISS MAGGIE McN. MACKENZIE.

MUSIC—C. F. FRASER.

### Trade Instructors.

DAVID H. BAIRD,  
WILLIAM NODWELL.

### Steward.

R. T. BLAIR.

### Matron.

MRS. R. T. BLAIR.

### Attending Physician.

DR. A. W. H. LINDSAY.

### Ophthalmic Physician.

DR. S. DODGE.

VISITING DAY—WEDNESDAY, 3 P. M.

## Halifax Asylum for the Blind.

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For the founding of this Institution a debt of gratitude is due by the people of this Province to the late WILLIAM MURDOCH, Esq., who died in London in 1863, having a few years previously taken up his residence there, after a long, useful, and successful life as a merchant in this city. In his Will he bequeathed, in addition to the various other charities, the munificent sum of £5,000 N. S. Cy., toward the endowment of an Asylum for the Blind, on condition that a suitable building would be secured at a cost of not less than £3,000. An amount was raised by subscription shortly after his decease, sufficient for this purpose, and an eligible site having been procured gratuitously from the City on the South Common, arrangements were at once made, and a suitable brick building was erected, capable of accommodating about forty pupils.

As a Report of the Directors, lately submitted to the Annual Meeting, is annexed, it is unnecessary to make further remarks than to express the hope that the blessing of God may attend this Institution, and that it may do all the good that the benevolent founder had in view in his kindly endeavors to increase the happiness and usefulness of this hitherto neglected class of our fellow-beings in this Province.

HALIFAX, January, 1884.

THIRTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
Board of Managers of the Institution for the Blind,  
1883.

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THE past year has been fruitful in good works, for details of which we refer you to the exhaustive and elaborate report of our Superintendent. The number of pupils in attendance is now larger than ever before; seven new ones have been admitted, making our number 27. Three left at the close of the last school term; one graduated and is now teaching music in Truro; one left with improved sight; and one was sent to his home. We regret to have to report a season of more than usual illness, and our thanks are due to Doctor Lawson, our House Physician, for his unremitting kindness and attention to our sick ones. We most earnestly endorse the request of our Superintendent for assistance to complete the amount required to enable him to launch his "Loan Fund" scheme; there can be no doubt of the necessity of such a fund, as we are sure the money will be well employed. Our Treasurer's report will be found appended and shows that your Managers find it very difficult to keep the expenditure within the income, although we could use much more money to good advantage if we had it; we are much in need of an extension of our building, which yearly becomes more imperative.

Our Superintendent's labours of love and great fitness for his position, are too well known throughout the land to require any praise from us; he has his reward in seeing the success of many who are indebted to him for their education and training, which enables

them to earn an honest and honourable livelihood. Miss McKenzie is an able assistant and has the confidence and esteem of the Directors as well as the affection of the pupils. Mr. and Mrs. Blair continue to give the utmost satisfaction. Mr. Baird, who has for some years had charge of the workshops, continues the same faithful devotion to his work. Our new teacher of willow basket making, Mr. Nodwell, is evidently master of his trade, and we hope soon to have a quantity of his manufactures for sale. Dr. Dodge and Dr. Cogswell still continue their kind interest in the Institution, and Dr. Lindsay has accepted the office of House Physician. Our very efficient staff makes the work of the Managers very light, and we feel deeply indebted to our Heavenly Father for His continued favour shown to the Institution during the past year and we invoke His blessing for the future.

All which is respectfully submitted.

J. S. MACLEAN,  
*President.*

## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT—1883.

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*To the Board of Managers Institution for the Blind, Halifax, N. S.:*

GENTLEMEN,—The close of another year in the history of this Institution, calls for a record of the incidents and events which have marked its progress, and for a brief summary of the work which has been steadily carried forward.

The various departments of the school have received a due proportion of attention and oversight, in each improvements have been introduced and changes made, as experience and the requirements of the Institution have suggested their adoption, and although we do not consider our system of education has reached perfection, (being as yet, far below the ideal at which we aim,) we may, nevertheless, look back with some degree of satisfaction upon what has been accomplished in the past, and draw from it a measure of encouragement for the success of that which may be undertaken in the future.

### ATTENDANCE.

|  | Boys. | Girls. | Total. |
|--|-------|--------|--------|
| Pupils registered Dec. 1st., 1882.....         | 15    | 8      | 23     |
| Left during year.....                          | 1     | 1      | 2      |
| Removed to his home for personal reasons ..... | 1     | 0      | 1      |
| New pupils.....                                | 4     | 2      | 6      |
| Re-admitted .....                              | 1     | 0      | 1      |
| Pupils registered Dec. 1st., 1883 .....        | 18    | 9      | 27     |
| From Nova Scotia .....                         | 13    | 6      | 19     |
| From New Brunswick .....                       | 3     | 3      | 6      |
| From Prince Edward Island .....                | 2     | 0      | 2      |

### LITERARY DEPARTMENT.

The work in this department has been steadily continued and systematically carried on during the session of the school. Two new branches have been recently added to our curriculum, namely : Algebra and English Literature. The value of an extended mathematical course in the education of the Blind, cannot well be over-estimated, affording as it does, to our pupils, that training and mental discipline

which, in the High School and Academy, is obtained from the study of Classics. English Literature has always proved a most popular study with our pupils, and as it tends to increase the powers of perception and discrimination, it must ever take an important place in the education of youth. As true civility and polish of manners is best acquired by association with polite society, with our Raleighs and Chesterfields; so likewise mental culture and refinement of thought are most readily promoted by an intimate knowledge of the writings of our best authors, enabling us as it does, to discriminate between literary productions of apparent or real merit.

The following is a register of classes, showing the branches now being taught in the school, and also the number of pupils attending each class:—

JUNIOR CLASS.

|                               |    |
|-------------------------------|----|
| Spelling.....                 | 9  |
| Reading Boston print .....    | 8  |
| Reading Dr. Moon's print..... | 7  |
| Arithmetic (Mental).....      | 6  |
| Geography.....                | 9  |
| English Grammar.....          | 5  |
| British History.....          | 14 |

SENIOR CLASSES.

|                                   |    |
|-----------------------------------|----|
| Spelling and Dictation.....       | 12 |
| Braille point writing.....        | 6  |
| Arithmetic (Mental) .....         | 8  |
| Arithmetie, with type boards..... | 6  |
| Geography.....                    | 13 |
| English Grammar.....              | 6  |
| English Literature.....           | 8  |
| English Composition .....         | 11 |
| Ancient History .....             | 6  |
| Geometry .....                    | 4  |
| Algebra .....                     | 7  |

MUSICAL DEPARTMENT.

The work of the year in this department has been exceptionally satisfactory. Appreiating, as our pupils now do, the special advantages provided in this Institution for acquiring the knowledge of music, and realizing that intelligent application and unremitting exertion on their part will not only secure for them positions of independence, but also improve their social status in the community; they are encouraged to continue their efforts until the difficulties which beset their path shall have been overcome, and every obstacle

surmounted. The gratifying success of our graduates, as teachers of vocal and instrumental music, and as piano-forte tuners, holds out to the pupils the very strongest incentive to persevere in their studies until success shall likewise crown their efforts. The musical department is now crowded to its utmost capacity, and serious inconvenience is experienced in providing for each pupil a sufficient number of hours of piano practice; an addition of a new piano to our stock of musical instruments, is therefore most earnestly recommended. At the close of the school session in June last, Mr. R. M. McLean received a diploma as a competent instructor; this young man has recently settled in Truro, N. S., and has already succeeded in obtaining a large class of pupils, he reports his prospects as most encouraging.

*Pupils receiving instruction in Music.*

|  |    |
|--|----|
| Piano-forte .....                      | 19 |
| Cabinet Organ .....                    | 3  |
| Harmony and thorough bass.....         | 3  |
| Musical notation, in Point system..... | 7  |
| Musical notation -Staff system.....    | 9  |
| Vocal Music - Choir.....               | 16 |
| Individual instruction.....            | 4  |
| Piano tuning.....                      | 4  |

WORK DEPARTMENT.

Owing to a variety of causes beyond our immediate control, the work in this department has not been carried on as regularly as heretofore, and consequently the progress has not been as marked as we anticipated. In March, 1882, Mr. Charles Lemon, who had been employed to give instruction in Willow Work, tendered his resignation, which was accepted by your Board. A few weeks later, Mr. D. A. Baird, our regular Trade Instructor, was attacked by measles, and before he had recovered his accustomed strength, was again prostrated by a still more serious illness, which confined him to his bed for the remainder of the school session. These drawbacks, added to others of minor importance, seriously retarded the work in our technical department; a fresh start, however, has again been made and the outlook for the coming year is most encouraging. The position held by Mr. Lemon is now filled by Mr. W. Nodwell, a graduate of the Ontario Institution for the Blind, who comes to us highly recommended, both as regards his personal character and his ability as an instructor; since his engagement in September last, Mr. Nodwell has discharged his duties with credit to himself and with satisfaction to your Board.

The experiences of last winter proved most conclusively, that the Willow trade was one in which the workshop required to be warmer than in other occupations; this is due to the fact that the Willow,

before being used, is soaked for many hours in water, in order that it may be made more pliable, and that it is manipulated by the workmen while in a wet state ; again, as no fire was kept burning in the workshop during the night, the dyes used in staining the baskets were destroyed by the action of the frost, while the Willow, which had been left to soak, was injured by the same agency ; in fact after a night of severe frost, several hours of the succeeding day were lost before work could be resumed. These reasons, added to that of greater security against fire, were sufficient to warrant the action of your Board in providing a safer and more effective method of heating the adjoining building, than had hitherto been employed. The workshops are now warmed with hot water, supplied from a small upright boiler, placed in the gymnasium, upon the ground floor of the outer building. We may safely conclude from the reputation of the gentlemen who executed the contract for this work, and from the satisfaction we have experienced from the heating apparatus in our main building, supplied by the same company, that the new means of heating our workshops will fully serve the purposes for which it is intended. The workshop is now comfortably warmed—a direct supply of cold water from the street main has been introduced—each pupil has been provided with a full set of excellent tools—a large quantity of suitable Willow has been purchased—the services of a competent instructor have been secured—and in short everything has been done that experience and forethought could suggest to make the enterprise a complete success. We anxiously look forward to the results, feeling confident that they will demonstrate the wisdom of the outlay upon this department, and prove that our efforts to secure the introduction of this trade were prompted by a desire to serve the best interests of the Blind, in enabling a larger proportion of our pupils to become self-supporting.

#### GIRLS WORK DEPARTMENT.

As each year passes by we endeavour to increase the efficiency of the various departments in the school, in order that our Institution may not be a whit behind its more populous and wealthy sister establishments ; at least, in so far as the practical results of the work are concerned. Realizing then that our girls work department was scarcely up to the proper standard of efficiency, and feeling that our lady teacher required a further knowledge of the means of instruction employed in similar institutions abroad, it was decided to allow Miss McKenzie to visit one of the American schools, in order that she might obtain a more comprehensive idea of the methods of instruction adopted in the same, and also that she might ascertain the classes of work in which instruction is given. Accordingly, Miss McKenzie was sent to the Boston Institution, in which special attention is given to machine knitting, sewing, etc. We desire to express our sincere

thanks to M. Anagnos, Director of the Institution, for the hospitality extended to Miss McKenzie during her stay in Boston, and to the Director and Officers of the School, for their uniform courtesy and their efforts to further the object of her visit. Since Miss McKenzie's return the girls work department has been thoroughly reorganized and several improvements introduced; a knitting machine has been provided and regular instruction in its use is now given to the pupils. We trust that Miss McKenzie's visit to Boston may prove a lasting benefit to our girls work department.

#### PHYSICAL TRAINING.

No well equipped School for the Blind can now afford to be without its Gymnasium; in this respect our Institution is most fortunate, for not only have we a commodious Gymnasium, fitted with suitable apparatus, but we are also in a position to secure from the Regiment stationed here, thoroughly qualified instructors. A few years ago the physical training of the pupils in schools of this character was confined to the occasional sawing of cord-wood and such like laborious occupations; no doubt the exercise obtained from such employments would, in the absence of better facilities, serve an excellent purpose, but when the uniform development of the muscles of the body, ease of movement, and greater activity, are the desideratum, the systematic and less objectionable training obtained in the Gymnasium would certainly be preferable, especially when it is remembered that the weak, as well as the strong, alike derive benefit from it. This year the school has been divided into three classes, one of girls and two of boys, which have been placed in charge of Sergeant-Major Baillie.

#### HEALTH.

The health of the members of our household has this term been below the usual satisfactory average; in the early Spring a mild type of measles broke out in the school, affecting in all seven inmates, six of whom were pupils. Mr. Blair, our Steward, was also attacked by a serious disorder which confined him to his bed for many weeks. W. Malone, a pupil, suffering from inflammatory rheumatism, was removed to the City Hospital, where his case was most skilfully treated. We are truly thankful that, notwithstanding the serious nature of several of these cases, none of them proved fatal, and that at the date of writing this report, the health of our pupils is excellent, and each and all of those who suffered during the year, have now fully recovered. I take pleasure in acknowledging the kindly care and attention of our matron, Mrs. Blair, who by her untiring vigilance and timely doses, confirms the truth of the adage, that "prevention is better than cure."

TOUR THROUGH THE WESTERN COUNTIES OF NOVA SCOTIA AND NEW BRUNSWICK.

Accompanied by Miss McKenzie, Miss Haliburton, and a number of the graduates and pupils of the Institution, I visited, during the summer vacation, twenty-six of the principal cities and towns in the Western parts of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, in each of which we gave a concert, and school exhibition. The success of the Institution must depend in a great measure upon the continued interest of the public in its welfare, and it is therefore thought advisable to visit, from time to time, the chief centres of population, in order that the Institution, its objects and requirements, may be familiar to the people. In each place visited we were most cordially received; indeed the limit of our space precludes us from acknowledging the very many courtesies of which we were the happy recipients. We cannot refrain, however, from referring to the kindness of a gentleman in Woodstock, who, at the close of our concert in that place, went to the Hotel and quietly settled the bill for our entire party, without leaving me any clue as to the name of our public-spirited friend. Our special thanks are due to the gentlemen who kindly made arrangements for our concerts; indeed our success is, in a great measure, due to their untiring efforts to have our entertainments well patronized. We would also acknowledge with thanks, the liberality of the several managers of the Steamship and Railway lines, among which may be mentioned Mrs. Fishwick, of the Fishwick Express Line, Hon. L. E. Baker, W. C. Railway; Mr. Clements, Nova Scotia S. S. Company, and Hon. Isaae Burpee, New Brunswick Railway.

THE LOAN FUND.

The desirability of establishing a fund from which small advances might be made to deserving graduates was fully discussed in a previous report, but as a minimum amount at which the fund is to be put in operation, has not yet been reached, it may be well to again direct the attention of the benevolent public to the undoubted claim of this scheme to their support, and to explain the objects sought to be secured by its formation. We proposed to raise \$1,000 or upwards, to be known as "The Loan Fund," from which we intend to advance to each graduate who may require assistance, a sum sufficient to enable him to purchase an outfit of tools, models, materials, etc. The cost of such an outfit for a willow-basket maker would be \$75; a brush maker, \$50; and for a piano-forte tuner, \$25. It may appear to some persons that for us to extend such assistance to our graduates, is going somewhat beyond the objects for which the Institution was founded. This is doubtless true in so far as the main object of the school is concerned, and it is for this very

reason that we are endeavoring to form a fund separate and distinct from those which have been provided for educational purposes. Nevertheless, I think it will readily be admitted that such a fund would form a valuable auxiliary in furthering one great aim of the Institution, namely, that of enabling our graduates to become self-supporting. The position occupied by one of our pupils, who, after having been trained and educated for some particular vocation in life, and who is without the means of turning this training to any practical account, would find an apt simile in the case of a ship, which, after having been fully completed, was allowed by her owners to remain on the stocks, because an additional outlay would be required to launch her and send her in ballast to the nearest port in which a freight might be obtained. The object of the loan fund is a most practicable one. Its formation is required to supplement the work of the Institution, and therefore its completion at the earliest possible date is most desirable. As soon as the proper amount shall have been secured, the fund will be placed under the control of the President of the Board of managers, and the Superintendent of the Institution. The loans to the graduates will be advanced on the most liberal terms, with a due regard however, to security and ultimate repayment. The following shows the receipts to date:—

|                                |          |
|--------------------------------|----------|
| Donations.....                 | \$319.30 |
| Concert Tonn.....              | 253.05   |
| Lectures, U. E. Loyalists..... | 143.75   |
| <hr/> Total.....               | 716.10   |

Our thanks are due to those who have contributed directly towards this fund, as well as to those who have rendered valuable assistance in making the concerts and lectures given towards this object, financially successful.

#### TERMS OF ADMISSION.

As will be seen by an act respecting the education of the Blind in this Province, which is herewith subjoined, all Blind children between the ages of ten and twenty-one years, residing in Nova Scotia, are admitted free of all expenses, saving those of clothing and travelling to and from their homes. Pupils from New Brunswick are admitted upon the same terms; the Government of that Province making an annual appropriation towards the funds of the Institution. The Government of Prince Edward Island have not yet acknowledged the right of the Blind to a free education. They, however, make an annual grant towards the school, but as this is proportionally below the average cost per capitum, no new pupils can be admitted unless the grant is soon increased to the proper amount, the parents of Blind children residing in the Island, can no longer take advantage of the special privileges afforded by this Institution. No pupils have

yet been received from Newfoundland, but we understand the people and Government of that Province are anxious to secure for their Blind the advantages of the School.

#### CONCLUSION.

The Institution, which has for the past twelve years been known as the "Halifax Asylum for the Blind," will, during the coming session of the Legislature, have the name under which it was incorporated, changed for one that will be more in keeping with its educational character. The reasons for such a change are obvious, and need not here be recapitulated at any great length, suffice it to say that the opprobrious name of "Asylum for the Blind," indicating as it does, that this is an establishment designed for aged and decrepit persons is evidently a misnomer, and should therefore be abolished, and a new and more fitting name substituted for it, such for example as "School for the Blind." In conclusion, gentlemen, allow me to thank you for your continued and intelligent interest in the welfare of the Blind. Such interest on your part relieves and lightens the responsibility of my position as Superintendent, and is to me a great encouragement in carrying on the work in which I have been engaged during the past ten years, all of which is respectfully submitted.

C. F. FRASER,  
*Superintendent.*

## SCHOOL RECORD.

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Number of school days in the term, 240. Possible number of marks to be obtained either in the Literary and Musical departments, 1000.

| NAMES OF PUPILS.                                   | Attendance. | School. | Music. | Department. |
|--|-------------|---------|--------|-------------|
| <i>Senior Department.</i>                          |             |         |        |             |
| 1. Minnie Corbin, Chester, N. S.....               | 237         | 838     | 976    | 955         |
| 2. Maggie Duke, Richibucto, N. B.....              | 227         | 858     | 906    | 1000        |
| 3. Mary Elwood, Halifax, N. S.....                 | 237         | 851     | 891    | 993         |
| 4. Isabell Staten, Foreston, N. B.....             | 204         | 733     | 760    | 972         |
| 5. James Butler, Barrington, N. S.....             | 237         | 809     | 865    | 963         |
| 6. Charles Cole, Fredericton, N. B.....            | 235         | 856     | ...    | 963         |
| 7. William Malone, Pubnico, N. S.....              | 177         | 781     | ...    | 993         |
| 8. Amos McNeil, Alberton, P. E. I.....             | 235         | 864     | 864    | 971         |
| 9. Sydney McDonald, New Glasgow, N. S.....         | 240         | 754     | ...    | 1000        |
| 10. Murdock Morrison, Stellarton, N. S.....        | 240         | 819     | 844    | 955         |
| 11. Simon Merry, Maitland, N. S.....               | 240         | 957     | 944    | 976         |
| 12. Frank McLean, Musquodoboit, N. S.....          | 240         | ...     | 1000   | 1000        |
| 13. Robert Newcombe, Cornwallis, N. S.....         | 240         | 730     | ...    | 989         |
| 14. George Theakston, Halifax, N. S.....           | 239         | 854     | 863    | 949         |
| <i>Junior Department.</i>                          |             |         |        |             |
| 15. Jane Gillis, Antigonish, N. S.....             | 240         | 709     | 843    | 1000        |
| 16. Jessie Murray, Back Meadows, N. S.....         | 112         | 313     | ...    | 994         |
| 17. Maggie Newcombe, Shoal Bay, N. S.....          | 226         | 730     | 889    | 952         |
| 18. Agnes Valley, Chatham, N. B.....               | 225         | 678     | 776    | 950         |
| 19. John Hawbolt, Marie Joseph, N. S.....          | 183         | 466     | 565    | 979         |
| 20. Henry Brunt, Harrietsfield, N. S.....          | 231         | 741     | 770    | 980         |
| 21. William Collins, St. John, N. B.....           | 228         | 811     | 881    | 968         |
| 22. John Rafuse, Chester, N. S.....                | 240         | 897     | 920    | 968         |
| 23. Montague Warren, Montague Bridge, P. E. I..... | 240         | 916     | 873    | 956         |

### PUPILS ENTERED DURING THE YEAR.

Phœbe E. Armstrong, Kempt, W. Hants, N. S.  
 Harriet Smith, Walton, E. Hants, N. S.  
 John A. Dunn, Advocate Harbor, Cumberland, N. S.  
 S. J. Harivel, Stellarton, Pietou, N. S.  
 M. G. Fletcher, DeBert River, Colchester, N. S.  
 W. A. Mellish, Moncton, N. B.

## RE-ENTERED.

John Ross, Little Narrows, Victoria, C. B.

## PUPILS LEFT DURING THE YEAR

F. R. McLean, graduated.

H. Brunt, returned to his home.

Jessie Murray, discharged.

## PRIZES.

The following is a list of the prizes distributed at the close of the School term, June 16th, 1883 :—

## LITERARY DEPARTMENT.

*Senior Division.*

*1st Prize*—Simon Merry ; *2nd Prize*—Amos McNeil.

*Junior Division.*

*1st Prize*—Montague Warren ; *2nd Prize*—John Rafuse.

## MUSICAL DEPARTMENT.

*1st Prize*—F. R. McLean ; *2nd Prize*—Miss Minnie Corbin.

## BOYS' WORK DEPARTMENT.

*1st Prize*—William Malone ; *2nd Prize*—Charlie Cole.

Dr.                    Halifax Institution for the Blind in acct. with E. D. MEYNELL, Treasurer.                    Cr.

| 1883.  | Dr.      | Cr.  |
|--|----------|--|
| Jan. 1. To balance due Bank of Nova Scotia.....  | \$ 80 27 | Dec. 3. By Interest and Dividends. ....    |
| Dec. 3. To paid House E. D. expenses—including salaries to Steward, Matron and Servants. | 3291 59  | “ Manufactures sold.....                   |
| “ Salaries.....  | 1100 00  | “ Donations.....                           |
| “ Repairs and alterations to Building.   | 434 27   | “ Grants P. E. Island Government. \$200 00 |
| “ Grounds.....   | 115 00   | “ “ New Brunswick “ 460 00                 |
| “ Printing, stationery and postage.....  | 49 20    | “ “ Nova Scotia “ 2093 37                  |
| “ Instruction in Music.....  | 65 23    | “ Legacies, late Jos. Hart..... \$100 00   |
| “ Prizes.....  | 18 00    | “ “ late J. King balance.. 300 00          |
| “ Sundries.....  | 67 69    | “ “ late Mrs. G. Dunn..... 40 00           |
| “ Materials for manufacture in workshop.....   | 72 38    | “ Reynolds' trust..... 70 97               |
| “ Bank Nova Scotia deposit.....  | 400 00   | “ Balance due Bank Nova Scotia.....        |
|  |          | 510 97                                     |
|  |          | 679 37                                     |
|  |          | <u><u>\$5093 72</u></u>                    |

E. & O. E.                    E. D. MEYNELL,  
Treasurer.

GEO. THOMSON,  
JAS. C. MACKINTOSH, } Auditors.

Halifax, 29th Dec., 1883.

## PATRONS.

BY-LAWS, ART. 2.—The payment of five hundred dollars at one time shall constitute a Patron of the Institution.

WILLIAM CUNARD, Esq.

## LIFE MEMBERS.

BY-LAWS, ART. 2.—Donors of fifty dollars at one time, and members who have served the office of Manager not less than three consecutive years, shall hereby be constituted life members of the Association.

|                             |                                |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Sir Edward Kenny.           | Chas. Cogswell, M. D.          |
| His Lordship Bishop Binney. | B. D. Fraser, Esq., M. D.      |
| Sir William Young.          | S. A. White.                   |
| W. J. Stairs.               | George Esson.                  |
| J. Duffus.                  | Edward Smith.                  |
| William Hare.               | Chas. Robson.                  |
| Edward Albro.               | F. W. Chipman.                 |
| Hon. J. W. Ritchie.         | W. H. Neal.                    |
| Hon. D. McN. Parker.        | John Silver.                   |
| John Doull.                 | John S. Maclean.               |
| John Stairs.                | Robert Morrow.                 |
| Adam Burns.                 | W. Fraser.                     |
| Wm. Esson.                  | H. N. Paint.                   |
| J. B. Bland.                | P. Lynch.                      |
| John Banld.                 | W. Smith.                      |
| John Gibson.                | T. V. Woolrich.                |
| James Scott.                | W. H. Newman.                  |
| Daniel Cronan.              | J. B. Elliott.                 |
| J. Seeton.                  | W. H. Creighton.               |
| R. B. Seeton.               | J. T. Everett.                 |
| James F. Avery.             | D. Falconer.                   |
| G. C. Harvey.               | H. P. Burton.                  |
| Geo. H. Starr.              | Capt. Lowry, 47th Regt.        |
| W. C. Silver.               | Hon. John Boyd.                |
| Stephen Tobin.              | George Thomson.                |
| Thos. A. Brown.             | M. H. Richey.                  |
| W. Compton.                 | J. C. Mackintosh.              |
| John C. Haliburton.         | M. A. Buckley.                 |
| Hon. S. L. Shauon.          | James R. Lithgow.              |
| E. J. Lordly.               | Sir Patrick McDougall, K.C.B.  |
| W. H. Stimpson.             | Lt. Thos. A. W. Cochrane, R.N. |
| John Farquharson.           | George Mitchell.               |
| John H. Symons.             | H. H. Fuller.                  |
| Jairus Hart.                |                                |

## MEMBERS.

BY-LAWS, ART. 2.—Any subscriber to the funds of the Institution to the amount of five dollars or upwards, may be constituted a member, on motion of a member of the Board of Managers, at one of their regular monthly meetings, and so continue during the annual payment of five dollars.

Hon. L. E. Baker.  
Dr. A. P. Reid.  
Mrs. E. Binney.  
Miss C. H. Black.  
Mrs. L. A. Wilmot.

Mrs. Northup.  
James Farquhar.  
Sir H. W. Hoyles.  
Hon. S. Creelman.

## LEGACIES.

|                               |          |                            |          |
|-------------------------------|----------|----------------------------|----------|
| 1871—Jane Molloy.....         | \$ 88 87 | 1880—Mrs. Williamson ..... | \$200 00 |
| 1872—Robt. Noble .....        | 100 00   | G. Frieze.....             | 100 00   |
| 1874—R. Purvis.....           | 100 00   | Ann Wilson.....            | 100 00   |
| 1875—Jas. McDonald.....       | 150 00   | 1881—Ann Hunter.....       | 20 00    |
| 1876—Miss Jane M. Tonge ..... | 20 00    | 1882—John Saunders.....    | 416 36   |
| 1876—N. L. West.....          | 800 00   | John King.....             | 600 00   |
| 1877—J. M. Walker.....        | 500 00   | W. P. West.....            | 1000 00  |
| 1878—W. L. Black.....         | 250 00   | 1883—Jos. Hart.....        | 100 00   |
| 1878—Chas. Roche.....         | 100 00   | Mrs. G. Dunn.....          | 40 00    |
| 1879—Miss Service.....        | 400 00   |                            |          |

## FORM OF LEGACY.

I hereby give and bequeath to "the Halifax School for the Blind," Halifax, Nova Scotia, and their successors, forever (if real estate) all that, etc., (if personal), the sum of etc., to be used for the general purposes of the Institution,

## THANKSGIVING COLLECTIONS, ETC., 1883.

|  |         |
|--|---------|
| Part collection, Windsor, per Rev. P. G. McGregor, D. D.....   | \$ 6 90 |
| Presbyterian Church, Antigonish, per Rev. Mr. Goodfellow.....  | 1 00    |
| Half collection during week of prayer at united meeting of Presbyterian and Methodist Churches, Truro..... | 22 28   |
| Western Star and Guiding Star Lodges of I. O. O. F., per W. H. Wether-<br>spoon .....                      | 8 00    |
| Thanksgiving collection, Chalmers Church, per Rev. Mr. Murray.....   | 5 00    |

## DONATIONS.

|                                   |         |                                  |         |
|-----------------------------------|---------|----------------------------------|---------|
| Mrs. Lawrence, Margaree, C.B..... | \$ 2 00 | Major and Mrs. England.....      | \$10 00 |
| Mrs. Northup.....                 | 19 00   | Mrs. B. Barnes, Sackville, N. B. | 5 00    |
| Jas. Farquhar.....                | 5 00    | Mrs. W. S. Sterling.....         | 4 00    |
| Sir H. W. Hoyles.....             | 5 00    | Friend, per C. F. F.....         | 2 00    |
| Mrs. Ed. Binney.....              | 5 00    | W. D. Harrington, recip'd acct.. | 3 45    |
| F. G.....                         | 10 00   |                                  |         |

# CONTRIBUTIONS TOWARDS THE LOAN FUND.

## *Halifax.*

|   |         |
|---|---------|
| His Lordship Bishop Binney.....                           | \$50 00 |
| John S. Maclean, Esq.....                                 | 50 00   |
|   | 10 00   |
| Mrs. Wilmot.....  | 5 00    |
| Miss C. Black.....  | 5 00    |
| Proceeds of Assault-at-Arms, per<br>Major Hutchinson..... | 40 00   |
| Dr. Avery.....  | 10 00   |

## *Windsor, per B. D. Fraser, M.D.*

|                                |       |
|--------------------------------|-------|
| Matthew Allison.....           | 2 00  |
| Gay Allison.....               | 1 00  |
| Edward Curry.....              | 1 00  |
| Wm. Curry, Esq. Barrister..... | 20 00 |
| A. Forsythe.....               | 3 00  |
| W. Lawson.....                 | 1 00  |
| Charles Payzant.....           | 3 00  |
| Lewis Dimock.....              | 1 00  |
| Allen Haley, M.P.P.....        | 2 00  |
| A friend.....                  | 1 00  |
| E. W. Dimock.....              | 4 00  |
| John Doran.....                | 2 00  |
| Rev. C. Willett.....           | 2 00  |
| A friend.....                  | 1 00  |
| A friend.....                  | 1 00  |
| Mrs. Bowman.....               | 2 00  |

|                       |         |
|-----------------------|---------|
| Aubrey Blanchard..... | \$ 2 00 |
| George Wilson.....    | 2 00    |
| Bennett Smith.....    | 2 00    |
| John Lynch.....       | 1 00    |
| J. Dore.....          | 1 00    |
| Edward O'Brien.....   | 10 00   |
| P. Burnham.....       | 1 00    |

## *Yarmouth, per Hon. L. E. Baker.*

|                                 |       |
|---------------------------------|-------|
| Hugh E. Cann.....               | 25 00 |
| John Lovett.....                | 5 00  |
| Thomas E. Corning, M. P. P..... | 2 00  |
| A. Y. Honeyman.....             | 4 00  |
| Hon. L. E. Baker.....           | 25 00 |
| W. F. Temple.....               | 2 00  |

## *Stewiacke.*

|   |      |
|---|------|
| A friend.....   | 1 00 |
| Thanksgiving offering from Pres.<br>byterian congr'e's, Baddeck,<br>C. B..... | 7 30 |
| Rev. J. Lowry, Jeddore.....   | 1 00 |
| — Mellish, Moncton.....   | 2 00 |
| J. F. Kenneth, San Francisco...   | 4 00 |
| W. E. Anderson, Bridgetown...   | 5 00 |

## PROCEEDS OF LECTURE UPON THE W. E. LOYALISTS.

|                      |         |
|----------------------|---------|
| Halifax .....        | \$45 00 |
| Yarmouth .....       | 25 00   |
| Newport .....        | 2 45    |
| Scotch Village ..... | 3 50    |
| Gore .....           | 4 00    |
| Maitland.....        | 8 50    |
| Noel.....            | 5 40    |
| Tennecape.....       | 5 50    |

|                    |      |
|--------------------|------|
| Walton .....       | 4 60 |
| Cheverie .....     | 6 60 |
| Summerville .....  | 5 15 |
| Burlington .....   | 5 25 |
| Avondale .....     | 4 80 |
| Ellershouse .....  | 3 50 |
| Hantsport .....    | 6 50 |
| Shubenacadie ..... | 8 00 |

## RECEIVED DURING THE CONCERT TOUR.

## Lunenburg.

|                            |         |
|----------------------------|---------|
| James Eisenhaur.....       | \$10 00 |
| Rev. G. D. Hartis.....     | 5 00    |
| Joseph Rudolf, Jr.....     | 2 50    |
| S. Watson Oxner.....       | 2 00    |
| G. A. Woodill.....         | 2 00    |
| James King.....            | 1 75    |
| Edward Dowling.....        | 1 00    |
| N. S. Wolff.....           | 1 00    |
| Charles Moreash.....       | 1 00    |
| Gordon H. Ross.....        | 1 00    |
| C. W. H. Kaulback.....     | 1 00    |
| Sellon V. Burns, N. Y..... | 1 00    |
| Friends.....               | 6 85    |

## Mahone Bay.

|                     |      |
|---------------------|------|
| C. Gray, M. D.....  | 2 00 |
| Willie Gray.....    | 1 00 |
| Charles Inglis..... | 1 00 |
| J. E. Beckwith..... | 1 00 |
| Friends.....        | 4 45 |

## Bridgewater.

|                          |      |
|--------------------------|------|
| F. B. Wade.....          | 5 00 |
| A. Wade.....             | 1 00 |
| Mrs. T. B. Simonson..... | 1 00 |
| W. R. Wentzel.....       | 1 00 |
| Friends.....             | 9 00 |

## Liverpool.

|                         |       |
|-------------------------|-------|
| James T. Sponagle.....  | 2 00  |
| Rev. J. W. Forsyth..... | 1 00  |
| David Harlow.....       | 1 00  |
| Friends.....            | 11 80 |

## Milton.

|                        |      |
|------------------------|------|
| J. H. Cook.....        | 1 00 |
| Lina H. Nickerson..... | 1 00 |
| Nelson F. Douglas..... | 1 00 |
| William Ford, Jr.....  | 1 00 |
| J. F. Murrily.....     | 1 00 |
| Friends.....           | 2 80 |

## Lockeport.

|                        |      |
|------------------------|------|
| T. Johnson .....       | 1 00 |
| Jacob Locke .....      | 1 00 |
| Mrs. T. Locke.....     | 1 00 |
| H. N. Patty.....       | 1 00 |
| Mrs. Ross Hammond..... | 1 00 |
| Friends .....          | 3 00 |

## Shelburne.

|                          |         |
|--------------------------|---------|
| John Bower.....          | \$ 5 00 |
| R. H. Belman.....        | 3 00    |
| Rev. Dr. White.....      | 1 00    |
| Alton M. Bent.....       | 1 00    |
| Frank C. Blanchard.....  | 1 00    |
| William E. Marshall..... | 1 00    |
| W. G. Greenwood.....     | 1 00    |
| S. E. Ress.....          | 1 00    |
| R. G. Irwin.....         | 1 00    |
| S. Rosborough.....       | 1 00    |
| Friends.....             | 4 00    |

## Yarmouth.

|                   |      |
|-------------------|------|
| J. J. Lovett..... | 5 00 |
| J. Bingay.....    | 5 00 |
| Friends.....      | 4 00 |

## Weymouth.

|                        |      |
|------------------------|------|
| Rev. P. J. Filuel..... | 2 00 |
| Henry Filuel.....      | 2 00 |
| Mrs. F. W. Jones.....  | 2 00 |
| B. L. Oakes.....       | 1 00 |
| Friends .....          | 1 50 |

## Digby.

|                         |      |
|-------------------------|------|
| John Ambrose .....      | 2 00 |
| R. S. Cann.....         | 1 00 |
| S. Daley.....           | 1 00 |
| Charles E. Farnham..... | 1 00 |
| S. H. Saunders .....    | 1 00 |
| Friends .....           | 7 50 |

## Annapolis.

|                     |       |
|---------------------|-------|
| J. H. Runciman..... | 2 00  |
| Friends.....        | 12 80 |

## Bridgetown.

|                  |      |
|------------------|------|
| H. S. Piper..... | 1 00 |
| Friends.....     | 2 85 |

## Middleton.

|                       |       |
|-----------------------|-------|
| J. Kinnear.....       | 2 50  |
| Augusta T. Dodge..... | 1 00  |
| Mrs. J. Harding.....  | 1 00  |
| W. Pineo.....         | 1 00  |
| M. J. McInnis.....    | 1 00  |
| W. J. Rolins.....     | 1 00  |
| Miss Morehouse .....  | 1 00  |
| Joseph Morton.....    | 1 00  |
| Friends .....         | 10 50 |

|                                |         |  |
|--------------------------------|---------|--|
| <i>Berwick.</i>                |         |  |
| Mrs. G. Mayee.....             | \$ 2 00 | Rev. G. Goodridge Roberts..... \$ 2 00 |
| G. H. Mayee.....               | 2 00    | S. Stendman..... 2 00                  |
| Emma F. Herbert.....           | 1 00    | Mrs. Millidge..... 1 00                |
| Friends.....                   | 2 25    | Mrs. Fenety .....                      |
|                                |         | J. B. Winslow..... 1 00                |
|                                |         | A. F. Street..... 1 00                 |
|                                |         | Chas. L. Ruthawths..... 1 00           |
|                                |         | Henry Wilmot..... 1 00                 |
|                                |         | Y. Clowes Brown..... 1 00              |
|                                |         | Friends..... 7 50                      |
| <i>Kentville.</i>              |         |  |
| L. DeV. Chipman.....           | 5 00    |  |
| Friends.....                   | 4 80    |  |
| <i>St. John, N. B.</i>         |         |  |
| Rev. Canon Brigstock.....      | 10 00   | W. F. Dibblee..... 5 00                |
| Rev. John M. Davenport.....    | 10 00   | J. A. Lindsay..... 2 00                |
| Rev. G. Bouce .....            | 5 00    | D. M. L. Gootruly..... 2 00            |
| Rev. W. B. Armstrong.....      | 2 00    | John C. Winslowe..... 2 00             |
| J. Russell Armstrong.....      | 2 00    | E. Burpee..... 1 00                    |
| John O'Gorman.....             | 1 00    | R. B. Belizea..... 1 00                |
| Friends.....                   | 21 20   | C. Lanily .....                        |
|                                |         | Friends..... 6 20                      |
| <i>St. Martin's, N. B.</i>     |         |  |
| Mrs. M. B. Calhoun.....        | 2 00    |  |
|                                |         |  |
| <i>Hampton, N. B.</i>          |         |  |
| Rev. H. Montgomery .....       | 1 00    | <i>St. Stephen's, N. B.</i>            |
| Miss S. Hay.....               | 1 00    | A. L. Smith..... 1 00                  |
| W. H. Robertson.....           | 1 00    | George W. Ross..... 1 00               |
| James Cootison.....            | 1 00    | W. A. Lamb .....                       |
| Friends.....                   | 2 40    | M. M. Gowen..... 1 00                  |
|                                |         | W. C. H. Grimmer..... 1 00             |
|                                |         | J. A. Ganong..... 1 00                 |
|                                |         | J. A. Grant..... 1 00                  |
|                                |         | J. S. Whittick..... 1 00               |
|                                |         | Friends .....                          |
|                                |         | 24 00                                  |
| <i>Gagetown, N. B.</i>         |         |  |
| Gabriel DeVeber.....           | 1 00    |  |
| J. Leslie Smythe.....          | 1 00    |  |
| Friends.....                   | 1 50    |  |
| <i>Oromocto, N. B.</i>         |         |  |
|                                |         | <i>St. Andrew's, N. B.</i>             |
| Friends.....                   | 2 20    |  |
|                                |         |  |
| <i>Fredericton, N. B.</i>      |         |  |
| Hon. D. Wilmot, Lt.-Governor.. | 20 00   | Hon. B. R. Stevenson..... 10 00        |
| Judge Fraser.....              | 10 00   | Mrs. W. J. Robertson..... 5 00         |
| R. Napier.....                 | 5 00    | S. W. Crantley..... 2 00               |
| Rev. A. J. Mowatt.....         | 2 00    | A. Lamb..... 1 00                      |
|                                |         | Friends..... 1 50                      |
|                                |         |  |
|                                |         | <i>Carleton, N. B.</i>                 |
|                                |         |  |
| C. S. Pidgeon.....             | 2 00    |  |
| William Gay.....               | 1 00    |  |
| Friends.....                   | 1 00    |  |

## AN ACT

### In Relation to the Education of the Blind.

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Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Assembly as follows :

1. The parent or guardian of any blind person between the ages of ten and twenty-one years, who has, under the provisions of Chap. 33 of the Revised Statutes of Nova Scotia, 4th Series, a settlement within any County or District of the Province incorporated by Chap. 1, Statutes of 1879, may apply to the Warden of such Municipality for an order for the admission of such person into the Halifax Asylum for the Blind, which order the said Warden shall at once grant under his hand and the Corporate Seal of the Municipality, on being satisfied that such blind person is between the ages above prescribed, and has a legal settlement in the Municipality.

2. Such order shall entitle the blind person named therein to be received into the Halifax Asylum for the Blind, and subject to conditions hereinafter described, to be educated and boarded therein during the school terms. Pupils under thirteen years of age when entering the school shall be entitled to remain seven years; those entering between the ages of thirteen and seventeen shall be entitled to remain five years, and those between the ages of seventeen and twenty-one years to remain three years.

3. For every blind person received into the Halifax Asylum for the Blind, pursuant to this Act, and educated and boarded therein, the Board of Managers of the Halifax Asylum for the Blind shall be entitled to receive from the Provincial Treasury at the rate of Sixty Dollars per annum, payable half-yearly, and also to receive at the same rate from the County School Fund of the Municipality to which the said blind person belongs. When such Municipality shall not comprise an entire County, the last-mentioned grant of Sixty Dollars shall be charged against the County School Funds of both Districts included within the County in proportion to the amounts of their respective school allowance derived from the County School Fund.

4. It shall be the duty of the Managers of the Halifax Asylum for the Blind to furnish semi-annually to the Council of Public Instruction full returns of the names, ages, residences, &c., of the pupils in respect of whom the above grants may be claimed.

5. In the semi-annual apportionment of the County School Fund the Superintendent of Education shall include the amounts due the Managers of the Halifax Asylum for the Blind, and issue drafts therefor on the Treasury of the respective Municipalities.

6. The Provincial Secretary shall be, *ex officio*, a member of the Board of Managers of the Halifax Asylum for the Blind.

7. In the case of any incorporated city or town within the Province in which any such blind person as is designated in the first Section of this Act

has a legal settlement, an allowance to the Board of Managers of the said Asylum of Sixty Dollars per annum may be assessed upon the inhabitants of the said city or town, in case such city or town does not contribute to or draw from the County School Fund, and in such case said sum shall be paid to the said Managers for each such blind person sent to the said Asylum, and each such blind person shall be admitted to said Asylum in the manner prescribed in the first Section of this Act, the Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation exercising the powers therein conferred upon the Warden of the Municipality, and there shall be paid to the said Managers from the Provincial Treasury for each such blind person for which such city or town contributes such allowance the sum of Sixty Dollars in like manner as is provided in the third Section of this Act.

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**An Act to amend Chapter 17, Acts of 1882, entitled :  
"An Act in relation to the Education of the Blind."**

**(Passed the 19th day of April, 1883.)**

Section 1. Sec. 7 repeal and clause substituted.

Be it enacted by the Governor and assembly as follows:

1. Section 7 of Chapter 17, of the acts of 1882, is hereby repealed and the following substituted :

In the case of any incorporated city or town within the Province in which any blind person, as is designated in the first section of the act, has a legal settlement, and which city or town does not contribute to or draw from the County School Fund, there shall be paid by such city or town to the Board of Managers of the said Asylum an allowance of sixty dollars per annum, and such sum shall form part of the general assessment of such city or town for each such blind person sent to the said Asylum ; and each such blind person sent to the said Asylum shall be admitted to the said Asylum in the manner prescribed in the first section of the act hereby amended. The chief executive officer of the corporation exercising the power therein conferred upon the Warden of the municipality, and there shall be paid to the said Managers from the Provincial Treasury for each such blind person for which such city or town contributes such allowance, the sum of sixty dollars in like manner as is provided in the third section of the Act hereby amended.

# CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

OF THE

## Halifax Asylum for the Blind.

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### CONSTITUTION.

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#### ARTICLE I.—NAME.

This Association shall, conformably to the Act of Incorporation, 30 Victoria, C. 50, be styled, "THE HALIFAX ASYLUM FOR THE BLIND."

#### ARTICLE II.—MEMBERSHIP.

All original subscribers to the fund for erecting the Asylum for the Blind within the City of Halifax shall be and continue members of this Association so long as they contribute the sum of one dollar or upwards to the support of the Institution.

Any subscriber to the funds of the Institution to the amount of five dollars or upwards may be constituted a member of the Board of Managers at one of their regular monthly meetings, and so continue during his annual payment of five dollars.

Donors of fifty dollars at one time, and members who have served the office of Manager not less than three consecutive years, shall thereby be constituted life members of the Association.

Payment of five hundred dollars at one time shall constitute a patron of the Association.

Patrons and Members shall have the right of voting at the annual election of Managers, and shall themselves be eligible.

#### ARTICLE III.—MANAGEMENT.

The management of the Institution shall be entrusted to a Board of twelve members, who shall choose from their own number a President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Corresponding Secretary, and Recording Secretary.

An annual meeting for the election of the Board of Management shall be held on such day of the second week of the last month of the year as the Board of Managers may appoint, due notice thereof being given in two at

least of the Halifax newspapers. Any number of persons present in a half-hour from the time named in such notice shall be a quorum for the election of Managers, and the transaction of any business to be passed upon at such annual meeting; but any five members then present may, if they shall deem the business to require it, demand an adjournment to some other day or hour within one week therefrom, and the same shall stand adjourned accordingly, and the business so postponed shall at first adjourned meeting be first taken up and finally disposed of.

If for any reason the election of Managers be, pursuant to the foregoing provision or otherwise, postponed, the Managers of the preceding year shall hold office until the new Board be elected.

The Board of Managers shall have power to supply vacancies occurring therein between the periods of the annual elections.

At the annual meeting the votes shall be taken by ballot, and the first twelve persons named on a list made in the order of the number of votes given for them respectively, beginning with the largest number of votes and so on to the least, shall constitute the Board of Managers.

#### ARTICLE IV.—BY-LAWS, &c.

The power of making, amending and repealing by-laws, and regulations for their own guidance and the government of the Institution, and the appointment and removal of all officers, and regarding salaries and allowances, is vested in the Board of Management, but no by-law once passed shall be altered or repealed except on a vote of two-thirds of the members of the Board present at a regular monthly meeting thereof, and after notice of such alteration or repeal given at next preceding monthly meeting.

#### ARTICLE V.—AMENDMENTS.

The foregoing articles, together with the provisions contained in the Act of Incorporation, are declared to be the Constitution of the "Halifax Asylum for the Blind," and no alteration shall be made therein except by a vote of two-thirds of the persons present at an annual meeting of the Corporation upon the recommendation of the Board of Managers, of which at least one month's notice in writing shall have been given to the Patrons and Members individually, by letter addressed to the Patron or Member, and mailed at Halifax, or left at his place of business or abode.

## BY-LAWS.

### BOARD OF MANAGER'S MEETINGS.

#### I.—STATED MEETINGS.

The Board shall hold a stated meeting at the Institution on the first Monday of every month, except when such Monday shall fall on a public holiday, then on the day following, and at any such hours as they may from time to time appoint.

#### II.—SPECIAL MEETINGS.

Special Meetings may be convened by request of the President or three members of the Board, the time, place, and object to be specified in such request, and inserted in the notice of meeting by the Secretary.

At least twenty-four hours notice of special meeting shall be given and no business other than that specified in the notice shall be transacted.

## III.—QUORUM.

Five of the members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

## IV.—PRESIDING OFFICER.

The President shall preside at all meetings of the Board at which he may be present, and shall be *ex officio* member of all standing committees. In his absence the Vice-President shall represent him, as well on standing committees as at the Board. In the absence of both President and Vice-President from any meeting of the Board, the chair shall be taken by the first named on the list of Managers present at the hour for commencing business.

## V.—COMMITTEES.

The following Standing Committees shall be appointed by the Board of Managers at the first meeting in each year:

(1) *Finance*—

A Committee of Finance, consisting of the President, Treasurer and four members of the Board, whose duty it shall be to devise and recommend ways and means for securing and preserving the financial prosperity of the Institution, to examine and certify the correctness of the Treasurer's annual report, and at the end of every year prepare and submit a full and clear report of the financial condition of the Institution.

Every Standing Committee shall from time to time furnish the Committee of Finance with such information as they may require, and particularly before the close of every year with a full inventory of all the property in their respective departments.

(2) *Instruction*—

A Committee of Instruction, consisting of four members of the Board, who shall have supervision of the Educational Department, and shall enquire from time to time into the methods pursued in the instruction of the blind in other places.

(3) *Manufactures*—

A Committee of three on Manufactures to supervise the Manufacturing Department, supply that Department with raw material, and dispose of the articles manufactured.

(4) *House*—

A House Committee of three on supplies, repairs and improvements, to have supervision of all matters connected with the supply of provisions, clothing and other necessaries; the regulation of the domestic arrangements of the Institution, and care of the building and grounds.

(5) *General Duties*—

Each Standing Committee shall visit the Institution at least once a month and arrange for one of their number to do so weekly. They shall have the entire and conclusive control, subject only to the full Board, over the department allotted to them; shall keep a book at the Institution, in which all their proceedings shall be entered, and especially all requisitions, instructions and orders given to the Superintendent or other officers shall be clearly set down therein, for the prevention of any misunderstanding regarding the same. The Chairman shall be bound to see that the duties of his committee are in every respect fully performed, and shall furnish the Board whenever required with the minutes of their proceedings, and all other information required.

#### VI.—DUTIES OF THE TREASURER.

The Treasurer shall have charge of all funds and securities belonging to the Institution, and shall be *ex officio* a member of the Committee of Finance ; shall deposit all moneys of the Institution, on receipt, in some Bank approved by the Managers, to the Credit of the Institution and pay by cheques drawn thereon all bills certified by the chairman of any Standing Committee. He shall present at every stated meeting in each year a full report for the year, and in such form as the Board may prescribe.

#### VII.—DUTIES OF THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct the general correspondence of the Institution and submit the same at each stated meeting of the Board. He shall file at the Institution all letters received by him or the Board, and copies of all letters written by him, and keep the same under his charge for the exclusive use of the Board.

#### VIII.—DUTIES OF THE RECORDING SECRETARY.

The Recording Secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings of the Board, and enter the same in a Book of Minutes ; shall prepare and issue all notices required in conducting the business of the Institution ; and communicate all resolutions of the Board to the Committee or officer affected thereby.

He shall have the custody of the seal, and use the same only as directed by the Board of Managers.

He shall see that all by-laws of the Institution are properly recorded in a book kept for that purpose ; shall file at the Institution all reports and papers submitted to the Board or placed in his custody, and safely keep them for the exclusive use of the Board.

Whenever the Secretary is mentioned in any by-law, resolution or other proceeding, it shall mean the Recording Secretary.

In his absence the Manager shall appoint one of their number to act *pro tempore*.

#### IX.—ADMISSION OF PUPILS.

##### (1) *General Terms*—

Young blind persons of good moral character between the ages of eight and eighteen, may be admitted to the Institution on paying one hundred and twenty dollars per annum, the payments to be made by half-yearly instalments in advance. The sum shall cover all the expenses of board, washing, tuition and medical attendance. The pupils must furnish their own clothing, and pay their own fares to and from the Institution.

Their friends may visit them at reasonable times under the regulations of the Board.

##### (2) *Special Cases*—

The Board of Managers may receive special applications for the admission of pupils who are in indigent circumstances, and grant or refuse the same from time to time, as in their judgment may be consistent with the funds of the Institution.

##### (3) *Day Scholars*—

The Board may, at their discretion, receive day scholars upon such terms and conditions as they may prescribe.

##### (4) *Forms, &c.*—

Applications for admission must be addressed to the Recording Secretary, at the Asylum, and made upon the forms and in accordance with the directions prescribed by the Board.

## AN ACT

### To Incorporate the Halifax Asylum for the Blind.

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Whereas it has been proposed that an institution for the reception, maintenance and education of blind persons, should be established in the City of Halifax, and it is desirable that such institution should be founded and carried on by individual enterprise and voluntary association ;

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Assembly, as follows :

1. When it shall be made to appear to the satisfaction of the Governor-in-Council, that not less than twelve persons have associated themselves for the above object, and subscribed the sum of twelve thousand dollars, and paid thereon into the hands of the Treasurer, by them appointed, the sum of two thousand dollars, the Governor-in-Council shall, by proclamation, declare this Act to have come into operation, and thereupon immediately thereafter, such persons, and all such other persons as shall from time to time become associated with them, their successors and assigns, shall be and are hereby incorporated into a company and a company and declared to be a body corporate by the name of the "Halifax Asylum for the Blind," and by that name shall and may have succession, and be capable of suing and being sued, pleading and being impleaded, defending and being defended in all courts and places whatsoever, in all manner of actions, suits, matters, complaints, and causes whatsoever, may have and use a common seal, and may change and alter the same at their pleasure, and shall be capable in law of purchasing, holding and conveying any real and personal estate for the purposes of this incorporation, and none other, which shall not exceed the annual value of ten thousand dollars.

2. For the better carrying into effect the objects of the said incorporation, there shall annually be elected twelve persons, who shall constitute a Board of Managers who shall have power to conduct and manage all its concerns, the Managers to be elected by ballot at an annual meeting of the members of the Society, to hold their offices for one year, or until others be elected in their places ; the said election to be held at such times and places as the said corporation shall by their by-laws from time to time appoint and direct ; the aforesaid Managers shall be elected by a majority of the members present at such election ; and in case of any vacancy or vacancies in the said Board of Managers, by death, resignation or otherwise, then the said Board shall have power to fill such vacancy or vacancies until the next annual election.

3. The Board of Managers shall, as soon after the annual election as shall be convenient, proceed to elect by ballot, from among their own number, a President, a Vice-President, a Treasurer and two Secretaries, who shall serve for one year, or until others are elected in their room ; and the first election of Managers and Officers shall take place on a day to be fixed by the Governor-in-Council, in the proclamation aforesaid.

4. The Board of Managers, so elected as aforesaid, shall have full power to make such by-laws as from time to time may be necessary, relative to the management, disposition of the estate and concerns of the said corporation, and regulations of the persons exercising the offices aforesaid, not contrary to law, and may appoint such agents and servants as may be deemed necessary to transact the business of the said corporation, and designate their duties.

5. It shall be lawful for the City of Halifax to transfer by deed duly executed to the "Halifax Asylum for Blind," either by way of gift or for valuable consideration, any land hereditaments now vested in the said City of Halifax, either by Act of this Province or by purchase, so that the value of such land and hereditaments shall not exceed in the whole the sum of twelve thousand dollars.

6. The Managers of the said institution shall, on or before the first day of February in each year, make a full report to the Governor-in-Council of their proceedings.



